

for Caroline county aforesaid, and they, or the major part of them, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required, to buy and purchase, in fee, a quantity of land, not exceeding four acres of land, at or adjoining Pig-point, on the east side of Choptank river, below Melvin's warehouse, for the purpose of building thereon a court-house and prison for the said county; and shall cause the said land to be laid out by the surveyor of Dorchester county, with good and sufficient boundaries, and a certificate thereof to be returned and recorded in the records of the said county; and the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall draw their order on the sheriff of Caroline county, to pay such sum as shall be agreed upon for the said land; and the sheriff is hereby directed and required to pay the said order out of the money hereafter mentioned, to be collected by him for that purpose; and such payment for the land aforesaid, shall invest the justices of Caroline county, and their successors, with an estate in fee-simple therein, for the use of the said county, for ever: And if the said commissioners, or the major part of them, and the owner of the said land, should differ about the value of the said land, in such case the commissioners, or the major part of them, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to order the sheriff of Dorchester county to summon twelve freeholders upon the said land, who shall be empanelled and sworn as a jury, to inquire the value of the said land; and the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall draw their order upon the sheriff of Caroline county, to pay the said valuation; and the said sheriff is hereby directed to pay the said order, out of the money hereafter mentioned, to be by him collected for that purpose, and upon his payment of the said order, the fee-simple in the said land shall be invested, as aforesaid, in the justices of Caroline county, and their successors, for the use of the said county, for ever.

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V. **And be it enacted**, That the justices of Caroline county, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized to contract and agree for a convenient place in the said county to hold the courts for the said county, and to contract and agree for a convenient place in the said county, for their books, papers, and other records, and also for a fit building for the custody of prisoners; and the said courts shall be held and records kept, at such places respectively, until the court-house and prison for the said county shall be erected and built; and the charge and expence of such places shall be defrayed by the said county, and assessed with the public and county levy.

Justices to contract for a place for holding courts, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted**, That the justices of Caroline county shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required, to assess and levy, on the taxable inhabitants of the said county, with the county and public levy, as much tobacco as will pay for the purchase or valuation of the land aforesaid, together with the sheriff's salary of five *per centum* for collection; which said quantity of tobacco shall be collected by the sheriff of the said county, in the same manner as other public and county levies are by law collected; and the said tobacco, when collected, shall be paid by the said sheriff to such person or persons, as the commissioners aforesaid, or the major part of them, shall order and direct.

And levy money for the purchase thereof.

VII. **And**, whereas the taxable inhabitants in that part of Dorchester county erected into Caroline county, have paid seventy thousand pounds of tobacco towards the building of the court-house in Cambridge, in Dorchester county: And, forasmuch as justice requires, that the said seventy thousand pounds of tobacco should be refunded, and applied towards the building the court-house and prison now to be erected in Caroline county; **Be it therefore enacted**, That the justices of Dorchester county shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required, to assess and levy, with their public and county levy, by two equal assessments, the next year and the year afterwards, the quantity of seventy thousand pounds of tobacco, upon the taxable inhabitants of Dorchester county, together with the sheriff's salary of five *per centum* for collection, which said quantity of tobacco, so to be assessed and levied, shall be collected by the sheriff of Dorchester, from the taxable inhabitants thereof, in the same manner as other public and county levies are by law collected; and the said tobacco, when collected, shall be paid by the said sheriff to the commissioners aforesaid, and shall be by them applied towards building the court-house and prison in Caroline county aforesaid.

Tobacco to be levied in Dorchester county towards building a court-house, &c.

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VIII. **And**